To the Members of the California State Senate:

I am returning Senate Bill 1331 without my signature.

While I favor accountability for all levels of education, this bill mainly establishes only a reporting structure for four broad policy goals rather than providing for outcomes, such as performance based measures, historically associated with accountability systems.

Furthermore, the California Postsecondary Education Commission, the body charged with collecting and analyzing the data under this proposal, and the other higher education entities involved in data collection are proposed to be restructured by the California Performance Review. It is premature to implement a new data collection system until the recommendations of the team are reviewed and more fully vetted for feasibility and efficiency.

For these reasons, I am unable to support this measure.

Sincerely,

Arnold Schwarzenegger